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DOUGLAS E. TRENT *et al.*

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For: PORTABLE SECURITY CONTAINER

TRANSMITTAL OF DECLARATIONS

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Sir:

This transmittal accompanies a Declaration and a Small Entity Declaration without the signature by the inventors, for the above-captioned application. Substitute Declarations with the inventor's signature will be filed upon receipt of the Serial No. for the above-captioned application.

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[37 CFR 1.9(c-f)]

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- (1) ☒ the application attached hereto
 (2) ☐ U.S. Application Serial No. _____ filed _____
 (3) ☐ U.S. Patent No. _____ issued _____

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(4) ☒ Each undersigned declares that he/she qualifies as an independent inventor, or would qualify had he/she made the invention, as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c).

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- (a) ☐ 37 CFR 1.9(e)(1)
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DECLARATION

AS A BELOW NAMED INVENTOR, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below), of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE:

PORTABLE SECURITY CONTAINER

the specification of which either is attached hereto or otherwise accompanies this Declaration, or:

☐ was filed in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on _____ and assigned Serial No. _____,

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability and to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations §1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S. Code §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, or §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s), listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby revoke all previously granted powers of attorney and appoint the following attorneys: Robert E. Bushnell, Reg. No. 27,774, Michael D. Parker, Reg. No. 34,973, and Darren R. Crew, Reg. No. 37,806, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith and with any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue or re-examination application, with full power of appointment and with full power to substitute an associate attorney or agent, and to receive all patents which may issue thereon, and request that all correspondence be addressed to:

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